(b) whether it continue to occupy the top positions during the subsequent years also, if not what position was held by this State during these years, year-wise, *vis-a-vis* other States; and

(c) the steps taken to take this Malaria infected State out this situation indicating the central aid given for fighting the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Madhya Pradesh reported highest number of Malaria cases in 1999 only. After formation of Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh ranked 3rd 4th and 6th in 2000, 2001 & 2002 respectively.

(c) For control of Malaria, National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP) has been in operation in the country as a Category-II Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The Central Government provides assistance to the States in the form of drugs, insecticides and larvicides. Additional, inputs are being provided to tribal predominant 15 districts of Madhya Pradesh with high incidence of malaria under Enhanced Malaria Control Project (EMCP) with World Bank support. Central assistance under NAMP and EMCP provided to the State of Madhya Pradesh since 1998-99 is as under:

(*Rs in lakhs*)

Year	Central Assistance
1998-99	847.04
1999-2000	1562.47
2001-01	2154.36
2001-02	2540.80
2002-03	2408.15

Utility of blood warmers

39. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian made blood warmers manufactured by a Bangalore based medical electronics company named Opto Circuits

were successfully used to treat injured soldiers during Iraq war to accelerate blood transfusion by maintaining donors' blood at body temperature.

(b) if so, the features of this equipment and in what type of cases it was found to be useful;

(c) whether it has been found suitable for use in accidents and trauma cases; and

(d) the steps taken to popularise use of this equipment in the hospitals and accidents and trauma centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, a Bangalore based firm has been manufacturing blood warmers, and has bagged a contract with a U.S. based company to supply these to the U.S. Army. These blood warmers have been patented by the U.S. company, and are being manufactured in India for supply to the U.S. Army in Iraq.

Blood warmers are devices used in rare instances to warm blood up to body temperature levels, which was previously stored in refrigerators prior to being used in blood transfusion at short notice. Blood warmers are used particularly, when the patient receives multiple, rapid trasfusions, to prevent onset of arrhythmia or cardiac arrest. Blood warmers are not indicated for routine transfusion of blood.

Accident and trauma cases are not being administered blood "thawed" by blood warmers, in hospitals and accident and trauma centres.

Agitation by CGHS Employees

40. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CGHS employees went on an agitation in the month of May 2003 to press for their demands;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and